

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 October 2023



Readings for
this week: Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



Readings for
next Sunday: Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40



Liturgical Jottings

Eucharistic Prayer part 7

Doxology

The concluding doxology is:

“Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen.**”

by which the glorification of God is expressed and which is affirmed and concluded by the people’s acclamation Amen. GIRM 79h.

The word “Doxology” is formed from two Greek words: DOXA which means opinion or glory and OLOGY which means word, discourse or study. As a liturgical word, Doxology has acquired the sense of a hymn of glory to God.

It is a brief prayer of praise which emphasises the Lord Jesus role as mediator in the context of the Trinity, thus turning the prayer into the praise and glory of God.

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Looking at the Readings

The first reading from Isaiah may be inaccurately reduced to subduing the power of rulers of nations. Likewise the Gospel reduced to the issue of paying/avoiding taxes. But taking a synoptic view of the Old Testament reading and the Gospel together it is more than power and taxes. Rather it prompts us to find the right relationships between earthly authority and God’s authority and will. Firstly God has called his people by their name, He has established and maintained a relationship of protection, compassion and justice.

Having that right relationship with God we give to God what is God’s: praise and thanksgiving, worship and love, peace and justice, service to others and finally true happiness. Jesus neither advocates compromise or a sort of dichotomy between state and church authorities. The separation of powers, whether imposed, negotiated or presumed cannot be autonomous or absolute, or simply public and private There is an interdependence. Each has responsibilities towards the good of the people and the care of creation.

Quote of the Day

“In the same way as Caesar looks for his image on a coin, God looks for his in your soul. “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s,” the Saviour says. What does Caesar demand of you? His image. But Caesar’s image is on a coin, whereas God’s image is in you. If the loss of a coin causes you to weep because you have lost Caesar’s image, would not any damage brought in you to God’s image be for you a cause for tears?” *St. Augustine sermon 24.*

Prayer for the Week



O God, whose image we bear
and whose name we carry,
yours is the world and all it contains.

Recall us to our true allegiance,
so that above the powers and rulers of this world
you alone may claim our fullest loyalty and love. Amen.


On the Lighter Side

I heard the atheists are trying to get tax exempt status now. They are a non-prophet organisation.

A successful tennis player has a lot of net income.

My local tax firm is a great place to work. Everybody counts.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Giulia Tassone
	Our sick and their carers	

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 23 October

Weekday Mass

Mon 23 October No Mass
 Tue 24 October No Mass
 Wed 25 October 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 26 October No Mass
 Fri 27 October 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 28 October No Mass
 Sun 29 October 10:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 30 October No Mass
 Tue 31 October No Mass
 Wed 1 November 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 2 November No Mass
 Fri 3 November 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 4 November 6:00 pm Mass
 Sun 5 November 10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation 4 November

Last Week's Plate Collection and Envelops

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish. May God bless you always.

Last week's collection was \$419.60

Cemetery Mass Saturday 18th November

Mass will be held on Saturday, 18th November at 9.00 am at the Tatura Cemetery.

Please bring a chair, and if you like flowers.

Messa al cimitero

La Santa Messa per i nostri Defunti sara celebrata Sabato 18 Novembre alle ore 9am nel cimitero di tatura per piacere portatevi la sedia

Rosters

Sunday 29th October

Commentator: – Rob Miller
 Reader: – Dean Filgate
 Gospel Procession: - Doreen Corrigan
 Gifts: – Barry & Jan Lowe
 Special Minister: – Debbie Worm

Saturday 4th November

Commentator: – Carol Coulston
 Reader: – Peter Crombie
 Gospel Procession: - J Caifa
 Gifts: – M Vraca C Alexander
 Special Minister: – Not Required

Sunday 5th November

Commentator: – Debbie Worm
 Reader: – Dean Filgate
 Gospel Procession: - St De Lai
 Gifts: – A Basile & M Sgammotta
 Special Minister: – Ross Kelly
 Music: – Choir

If you would like to be included on the Roster please speak to Trish or Mary.

Statement on Referendum Outcome

A statement on the referendum outcome by Bishop Charles Gauci, on behalf of the Australian bishops. Please make this available in whatever way is helpful in your community.

Over the days and weeks ahead, I encourage you to be particularly alert to those who are feeling disappointed and let down by this result, and to reiterate the ongoing commitment of the Church to working towards justice and reconciliation for our indigenous brothers and sisters.

Yours sincerely,

+*Shane Mackinlay*

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay
 Bishop of Sandhurst

Copies of the Statement are in the Narthex

Psalm 96:

All lands should sing to the LORD and share his marvelous deeds. He surpasses all gods and created the heavens. All nations should honor him, and recognize his just rule.

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliari Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to 'help' but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

Cagliari volunteers commit themselves to working in the 'Salesian way'. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliari volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliari volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do!

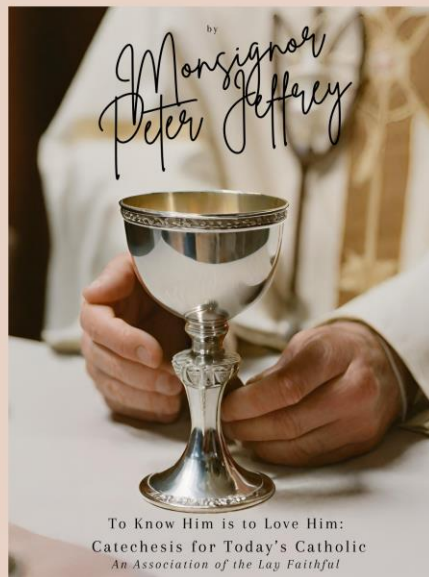
For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliari.org.au/>

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

I am the Lord, unrivalled: there is no other God besides me.

Isaiah 45:6

LIFE OF A PRIEST 60 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD



31st October 2023 | Tuesday
Lecture Theatre | University of Melbourne | Shepparton Campus
49 Graham Street, Shepparton
7:00PM onwards

For more information, contact Vanessa 0481783400



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St Malachy's Nagambie 150th Celebrations:

St Malachy's Church Nagambie invites you to the celebration of our 150th Year Commemorating the past moving forward in faith A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay DD Bishop of Sandhurst at St Malachy's Nagambie Sunday 19 November 2023 10.00 a.m.

After which will be the renaming of the former presbytery to the Kearns Centre followed by light refreshments at St Joseph's School
RSVP: 1 November to Wendy Keenan: 0459 595 908)



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Themes for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

<https://young-catholics.com>

The readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time for Year A speak of allegiance and responsibility. From the first reading we understand that we must give our whole selves to God. The psalm echoes this with "Give the Lord glory and honour." The second reading speaks of how we are called and chosen to do the work of Christ. And in the gospel, Jesus explains that we must give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

Trap for Jesus: The Pharisees and Herodians attempt to entrap Jesus with a question about taxes. This theme highlights the continuous efforts by religious leaders to discredit Jesus.

Render to Caesar: Jesus' response about giving to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's provides a distinction between civic and religious duties. This theme touches on the balance between secular and spiritual obligations.

Wisdom over Deception: Jesus discerns the malicious intent behind the question and responds wisely, avoiding the trap. This theme underscores Jesus' ability to navigate challenging situations with insight.

Image and Ownership: Jesus uses the coin's image to discuss ownership, implying that just as the coin bears Caesar's image, humans, made in God's image, belong to Him.

Reflection Questions for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Paul speaks of faith being evident through actions. How do my actions align with my professed beliefs?
- The role of the Holy Spirit is emphasized. How do I see the Holy Spirit guiding my daily decisions and interactions?
- Paul mentions the Thessalonians being chosen by God. How do I understand my own "choseness" in my faith journey?
- Jesus differentiates between earthly and spiritual duties. How do I prioritize and balance my commitments to both?
- Jesus' response to the Pharisees is a reminder of our ultimate allegiance to God. How do I ensure that my loyalties remain clear and unshaken in a world with many demands?
- In what areas of my life do I feel I'm most genuine, and where might there be room for growth?
- Do I see my possessions, time, and gifts as belonging to myself or to God? How does this perspective shape my actions?
- Am I quick to take sides in conflicts or disputes? How do I relate to those on the "other side" and find common ground?
- What specific aspect of my life or what challenge do I need to offer up to God today?
- Drawing from Jesus' distinction of what belongs to Caesar and God, how do I discern what I owe to worldly commitments versus my spiritual ones?

Synod of Bishops: Questions for reflection, Synodality as an ongoing process and more.

As the Synod of Bishops enters its third week, the participants will be focusing on the third of the three priority issues "Participation, governance and authority: What processes, structures and institutions are needed in a missionary synodal Church?"

While the Synod of Bishops is taking a synodal approach, the Church is encouraged to take a similar approach in all its undertakings. Attached is a pdf published by the General Secretariat for the Synod which discusses the synodal process and offers suggestions for prayer and reflection.

Also attached are some universal prayer petitions that can be used to support the Synod and the focus for this week.

Sandhurst Formation for Mission – Carrying Forward the Plenary Council: Decree Three 'Called by Christ-Sent Forth as Missionary Disciples'

The third decree of the Fifth Plenary Council is a challenging but joyful reminder to all Catholics of the mission that has been entrusted to them through their Baptism. As disciples of Christ, the baptised are called to give loving attention to our world – marked by both sin and grace – to prayerfully read the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel, to seek to grasp the meaning of human strivings and to discern God's will under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Gaudium et Spes* nn. 3-4, 11).

Please join Dr Chris Cotter and Leslie Cooper from the Office of Mission and Pastoral Life, as we explore this topic. All welcome, please sign up via trybooking. The seminar will take place on 25 October at 6:30pm OR 26 October at 9:00am, you may choose which date to attend.

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLRIM>

Contact Leslie Cooper

Leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au for further questions.

Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

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Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:30 am until 1pm